PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON AHD REPORT SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 28, 2023

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DATE: March 27, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Katie Mapes

THROUGH: Nolan Moser SIGNED

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS DIVISION: (Docket No. LC 82)

PacifiCorp Motion for extension to file Clean Energy Plan (CEP)

and Long-Term Fuel Plan.

AHD RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Commission direct PacifiCorp to file its CEP and Long-Term Fuel Plan with the filing of its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) on May 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power filed two motions in this docket (in which it will file its 2023 IRP on March 31, 2023). The first asks for an extension of time to file its CEP – it asks for a 60-day extension to file it on May 31, 2023, which is the deadline to file an addendum to the IRP. In the second, it asks for the same extension of time to file the Jim Bridger Long-Term Fuel Plan.

A number of participants opposed the request. One reply in opposition was filed by NewSun Energy LLC; another was filed jointly by the Citizens' Utility Board, the Sierra Club, the NW Energy Coalition, Renewable Northwest, the Green Energy Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School, and the Oregon Solar+Storage Association. They raise concerns that the CEP should be informed by the IRP and vice versa; and ask that, at a minimum, PacifiCorp be required to file the plan in draft form on March 31, 2023, with the IRP.

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After consulting with Commission Staff, AHD recommends that the Commission not require filing the plans in draft form as that may consume valuable Staff and participant time should the ultimate plans change significantly from the drafts. However, AHD agrees that the content of the plans should be significantly informed by the IRP and vice versa. Therefore, AHD recommends that the extension be granted but that May 31, 2023 be set as the "zero date" for comments, meaning that the six-month review process will commence from that date. This would result in a Commission acknowledgment meeting to be scheduled around the middle of April 2024.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION

PacifiCorp is directed to file its Clean Energy Plan and Jim Bridger Long-Term Fuel Plan on May 31, 2023, which will be the "zero date" for comments and the start of the six-month review process.